

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Serv., Interior**

**§ 86.137**

to meet nontrailerable recreational vessel user needs in the State.

**§ 86.131 Must I do a plan?**

The Act does not require plans. Plans are voluntary. However, if you do a plan, you must complete it following these regulations.

**§ 86.132 What are the advantages to doing a plan?**

Plans provide the information necessary to fully understand the needs of boaters operating nontrailerable recreational vessels in your State. The plan will make you more competitive when you submit grants under this program. We will give you 15 points for having an approved plan.

**§ 86.133 What are the plan standards?**

You must base State program plans on a recent, completed survey following the National Framework.

**§ 86.134 What if I am already carrying out a plan?**

You need not develop a program plan if we certify that you have developed and are carrying out a plan that ensures public boat access is and will be adequate to meet the needs of recreational boaters on your waters.

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**§ 86.136 What must be in the plan?**

The plan must:

(a) Identify current boat use and patterns of use.

(b) Identify current tie-up facilities and features open to the public and their condition.

(c) Identify boat access user needs and preferences and their desired locations. Include repair, replacement, and expansion needs and new tie-up facilities and features needed.

(d) Identify factors that inhibit boating in specific areas, such as lack of facilities, or conditions attached that inhibit full use of facilities. Identify strategies to overcome these problems.

(e) Include information about the longevity of current tie-up facilities.

**§ 86.137 What variables should I consider?**

You should consider the following variables:

(a) Location of population centers,

(b) Boat-based recreation demand,

(c) Cost of development,

(d) Local support and commitment to maintenance,

(e) Water-body size,

(f) Nature of the fishery and other resources,

(g) Geographic distribution of existing tie-up facilities,

(h) How to balance the need for new tie-up facilities with the cost to maintain and improve existing facilities.